

Virginians Visit Radio Free Europe Center In Munich

Sixty prominent Americans, including two Virginians, have returned to New York, completing a 10-day overseas study tour of the broad-casting facilities of Radio Free Europe.

The Virginians who participated in the study tour are Mrs. Esther van Wagoner Tufty, Alexandria, president-elect of the American Women in Radio and Television, and T. Earl Roberts, circulation director of the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot and Ledger-Star and first vice-president of the International Circulation Managers Association.

The tour was sponsored by the Crusade for Freedom, the non-profit American organization which supports RFE's anti-Communist broadcasts to five captive countries: Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania and Bulgaria.

In Europe, the group toured RFE's headquarters and transmitter sites in and around Munich, Germany. One day was spent at the nearby Iron Curtain border. There, the group observed the maze of electrified barbed wire and land mines which separates the Soviet-dominated East Europe from the free world.

On the return trip to New York, stops were made at SHAPE headquarters for NATO briefings and at RFE's short-wave transmitter site near Lisbon, Portugal.

Group members paid for expenses and all meals other than official dinners and lunches. No Crusade contributions were used to finance any portion of the trip.